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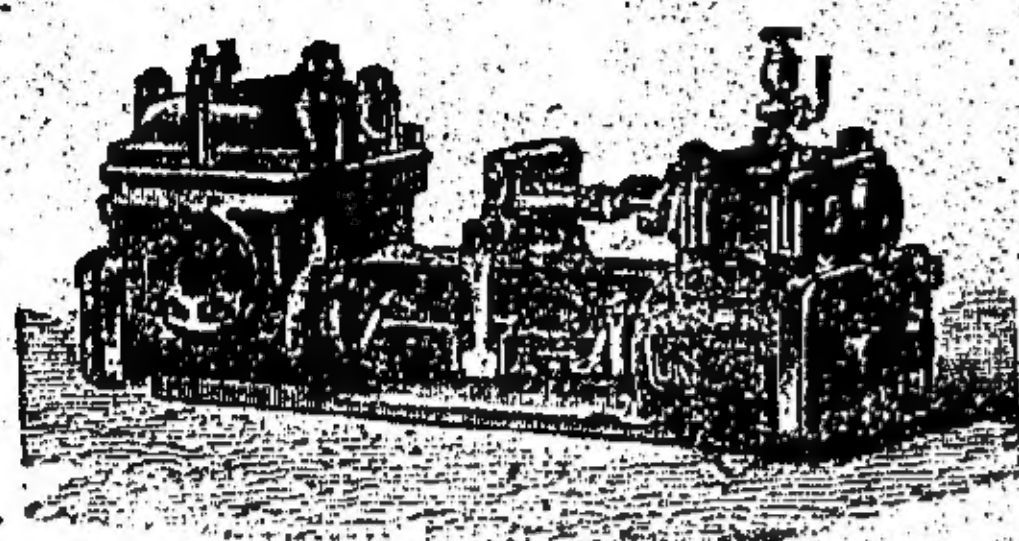
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APPLICATIONS in writing for the position of STEWARD to the Hongkong Club will be received by the undersigned. By Order,
O. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th Sept., 1899. 2179

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of \$18 per SHARE for the year 1898, equivalent to 36% on the PAID-UP CAPITAL of \$50 per SHARE, has been declared.

WARRANTS will be issued on the 13th October. By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, October 12, 1899. 2259

THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE.

THE REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd Instant, till SATURDAY, the 4th of November, both days inclusive, during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

LUTGENS, EINSTAMANN & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, October 18, 1899. 2295

BANK HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Instant, at 1 p.m.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
T. JACKSON,
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For the National Bank of China, Limited.
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

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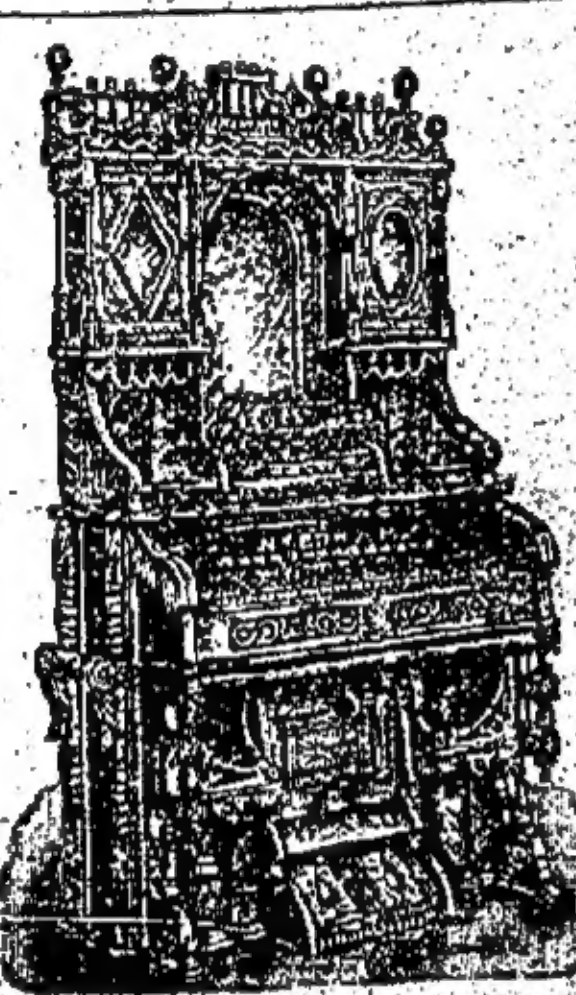
For the Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.
S. OHNO,
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Hongkong, October 17, 1899. 2297

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Hongkong, Sept. 27, 1899. 2150

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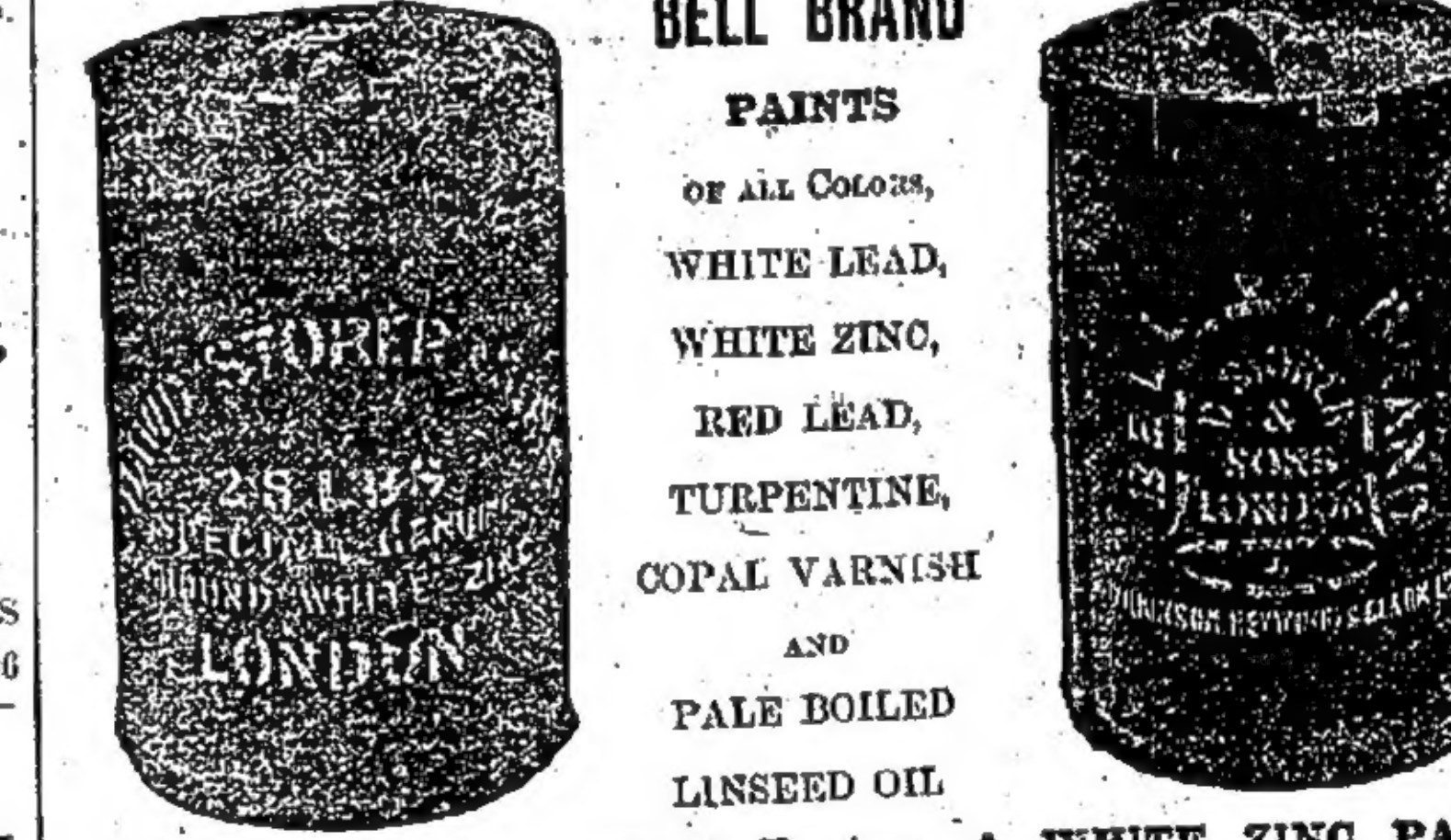
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Hongkong, October 10, 1899. 2300

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Hongkong, October 10, 1899.

THE REFORM OF CRICKET.

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HOW LONG HAS LIFE BEEN ON THE EARTH?

The estimates of the date of the origin of life on earth, in different sciences, each from the data of its own particular science, have long been notoriously at variance. The geologist has wanted a long time for the formation of his strata, while the physicist has been unwilling to grant it. The biologist has wanted more time than the geologist, for he realizes that in the time necessary to evolve a man from an amoeba one million years are "but as yesterday." Scientists find in this disagreement of the various reasons for rejecting all their conclusions. Sober-minded lovers of all the sciences believe that from an ultimate reconciliation of the opposing views will come a more accurate knowledge of the earth's history. Dr. Klein, who writes in *Le Monde* (Paris, August), of some new estimates made from the physical standpoint, seems to regard them as weakening the hypothesis of organic evolution. After referring briefly to the estimates made by Darwin and his school and by the geologists, Dr. Klein, who has made a study of the subject for many years, says:

"Recently physical astronomy has furnished still further data toward making an estimate of the earth's age that is not found within some of the narrower limits. The astronomer, physicist and mathematician, Lord Kelvin, has recently made some investigations on this subject that are of the greatest scientific authority and hence of universal interest. They show that in estimating the age of the earth we must assume a far more rapid rate of cooling than the geologists have thought necessary, and that the earth has not been fitted for the dwelling-place of organic life during an indefinitely great number of millions of years."

"A maximum estimate of the age of the earth as a solid molten globe can be deduced from its shape. After the withdrawal of the moon from the fluid earth, the rotation of the earth must have become slower, so that several thousand million years ago the duration of the day must have been shorter than at present. But at that period the fluid earth had solidified, the polar flattening corresponding to the rotation would have been preserved to this day. But this is not the case. From the present rate of rotation, it is calculated that the rotation period of the earth at the time it solidified could not have been less than 17 hours, and that the time at which the solidification took place was probably 1,200,000,000 years ago, and could not have been less than 2,400,000,000 years ago. The latest estimates of Lord Kelvin agree with this. He concludes that we can assert with certainty that the earth is 500,000,000 years old, and probably also 1,000,000,000 years old, but not solidified. Why, then, the estimates of the earth's age made in this discussion, and the question now arises whether they can be made narrower and more certain. To this end Lord Kelvin has been investigating the evolution of the earth's heat, and finds, making use of experiments made in North America on the behavior of rocks, especially of diabase, at very high temperatures, that the age of the earth, from the standpoint of the physicist, is less than 24,000,000 years. The solidification of the earth, on the other hand, probably took place in such a way that the interior first became solid, down to a large sphere at the center, while the outer layers, which were composed of very high pressure, were still in a molten state. The solidification of the interior was followed by a gradual cooling of the outer layers, which in time became solid, and thus the globe as we know it came into existence. The heat of the earth, and other substances must have surrounded it as an atmosphere. The heat substance to remain in the outer envelope of air was very warm, and as the temperature of the earth gradually fell, the atmosphere, the first rain fell, probably in torrents. Free oxygen, as Lord Kelvin points out, was probably not present in the early atmosphere, in which case it must have been furnished by plants, since there are plants that grow under water, and, under the influence of sunlight, extract from the water and the carbon dioxide dissolved therein hydrogen and oxygen to build up their substance and release free oxygen in the water, by which it is given out to the atmosphere. But hundreds of thousands of years must have passed before the quantity of atmospheric oxygen obtained in this way became large enough to support animal life. In any case, provided sunlight were present, some hundreds of millions of years must have passed before the solidification of the earth's crust. It was fitted to support animal and vegetable life. The only question is, whether at this time the sun was in a state to radiate sufficient heat and light. This question is now answered in the negative by Lord Kelvin, who is entirely in favor of the view, as afterwards by Sir Norman Lockyer, that the earth's crust had solidified only 50,000,000 years ago, even though the sun was in a condition to send out the necessary heat and light. Probably not more than 20,000,000 years ago, and the earth must have been in a condition to support the earliest organic life on the earth. So, on physical grounds, the age of the organized life of the earth can not be greater than 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 years, a fact with which all hypotheses regarding the development of life of terrestrial organisms will have to reckon."—*The Literary Digest*.

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Mr. James Reed struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, and used several kinds of liniments and ointments, but without success. He was then treated by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and in a week's time he was completely cured. This brought about a complete cure in a week's time and he believes that he had not used this remedy for his leg would have had to be amputated. Mr. Reed is one of the leading merchants of Clay Court House, Va. Pain Balm is not unequal for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale by All Dealers; Watkins & Co., General Agents.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, Friday, 20th October, state:

"The market has ruled very dull, and transactions effected have been of a very limited nature."

"Hanks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank declined to 323 per cent. premium, at which rate a few small sales have been effected, and the market closes quiet. The London quotation is 455. Nationals are wanted at 525."

"Marine Insurance.—There is no business to report in stocks under this heading."

"Fire Insurance.—A few small sales of Hongkong Firms have been put through at 525."

"Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamships have been done at 230 and 235, and close quiet at 230. Indo-China advanced to 241 sales but are again quiet with sales at 241. Dampier Steamships have been placed at 247. Star Line have been placed at 247. Star Line have been placed at 247."

"Sugars.—China Sugars are neglected, and London have been sold at 518."

"Jute.—Panama after sales at 810, are obtainable at 810. Charbonnages are quiet for at 825. Quotations of Mines have been placed at 810. Star Line have been placed at 810. Star Line have been placed at 810."

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Hongkong, October 19, 1899. 2235

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship.

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made with narrow bats. Another change, which might, however, prove too effective, would be a slight enlargement of the wings; this, as our correspondent intimates, does not require consideration as an alternative. To add an inch and a half to the width of the wings and two inches to the height would probably be found to answer the purpose; and this might be done, not by using a fourth story, but by increasing the diameter of each of the three stumps by half an inch. There are perhaps more objections to this change than to the diminution in the size of the bat; but a serious trial should be given, at some of those at London and the Oval which "An Old Bird" suggests as an experiment, to one of these proposals, if not to both. Some such change is imperatively called for, and, as our contributor urges, it should be made after a strong committee of the M.C.C. has been appointed to consider the whole position of the game. Cricket must not be allowed to become unpopular through its own fault, or the exaggeration of its own merits, such as the overgrown scores of the present season are admitted to be.—*The Times*.

A CELEBRATED WAR CORRESPONDENT.

THE TRANSVAAL CRISIS.

Sydney, September 27.
Mr. Frederic Villiers, noted among English-speaking peoples as one of the most capable of war correspondents, is at present in this city. He is visiting the colonies on a lecturing tour, having for his subject Lord Kitchener's campaign in the Sudan. Mr. Villiers' African experiences date back to the year 1885, when, as correspondent for the *Illustrated London News*, he accompanied the Nile Expedition for the relief of General Gordon. Several subsequent visits to Africa, either to speak with some authority on matters, warlike and otherwise, which are at present agitating England in its relations to the Dark Continent.

Mr. Villiers expressed himself as quite willing to discuss the existing status of matters with a *Herald* reporter, who he thought of the Transvaal situation reported to-day, he said:

"Well, I do not quite know what to make of it, all in all, but the affair seems to have been hanging fire for a very long time. Practically, the Transvaal seems to me to have been under a 'suspense of bluff'."

It is very apparent that the British authorities are striving every nerve to gain time. Three weeks ago our side was entirely unprepared. But the Boers acted promptly then they could have done considerable damage. I do not wish to convey the impression for one moment that our Majuba Hill experience would have been duplicated, but they could have raided Natal and come down as far as Kimberley."

"But is not Kimberley a well-fortified point?" was asked.

"Yes," answered Mr. Villiers, "but I doubt whether the volunteer forces in Kimberley, which I know very well indeed, could have held their own against the Boers. It was this which, upon its recognition, caused the British Government to send reinforcements at once. Two thousand troops were conveyed there at the earliest possible moment. Now, had the Boers really meant to fight, this is one of the points which would have attracted them, and they could, without the least shadow of doubt, have played havoc there. As to Pietermaritzburg, which lies to the east of Johannesburg, there is always a considerable number of British troops there. This is more or less a strategic point, protecting the port of Durban, and the marine base of operations for the main body of British forces."

"What do you think of the chances of the Boers as indicated by to-day's cables," Mr. Villiers?

"Not very much," asserted the famous war correspondent emphatically. "They have let their chances slip. Two weeks hence, it will be out of the question for them to take the offensive. All the strategic points will be occupied by British troops, and the Boers will have to fall back into Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Bloemfontein, and to play a waiting game."

"And this means?"

"In three words, only inevitable disaster. They have not the slightest chance. Their action, had they wished to battle England, should have been, when we were in the minority there, to go down to a place like Kimberley, hold it, and threaten to swamp or destroy it if a force were sent against them. To play a waiting game with the present personnel of the Government in power would be simply absurd and dangerous in the highest degree. It is Mr. Joseph Chamberlain who is in power now, not Mr. Gladstone, and the difference will soon be recognized."

"Have you any information, Mr. Villiers, regarding the character of the armament owned by the Boers?" asked the *Herald* reporter.

"They have," replied Mr. Villiers, "quitting some of the most modern rifles, but have these too, and in addition Maxim guns and the deadly Lydite. This list is in the form of a shell, and largely composed of picric acid. Besides being a terrible explosive, its fumes alone will destroy human life within a radius of 40 yards from the point of impact of the shell. It was tried very successfully in the late Samoan difficulty, with every result. Its field of operation was found to extend to 100 yards, and a somewhat food which was accidentally left unguarded so that the acid fumes had access to it, was poisoned, and several natives were killed after eating the native meat left so unguarded."

"You are doubtless aware, Mr. Villiers, said the *Herald* reporter, "that much has been written and said regarding the Boer's attachment to principle, to their country, &c. Is this a latent trait of theirs?"

"The Transvaal Boers," replied Mr. Villiers, "are some of the lowest types of humanity I have ever encountered. They are as exclusive in every way, and, strange as it may seem to you, the Zulus are infinitely to be preferred as a race. Any English resident of the Transvaal will confirm my statement when I say the Boers live like pigs. Their houses, if houses they can be called, show it. The sanitary arrangements in them are simply fearful, and are responsible for much of the disease which is rampant in the Transvaal. The records of the courts show that there is no sickness among these fearful and unclean creatures. I should say in justice, however, that the Orange Free State Boer is altogether a superior being, and far more in accord with civilization than his brother of the same name in the Transvaal. And, as a friend of Mr. Villiers, I should have quite a different feeling in seeing the Maxims' executioner, the Boer, what I had at viewing the moving down of the Khalfah's banner—the cut-throat, cattle-lifters of the South. They had tortured people for 15 years, and it was time their practices were brought to an end. But, alas! their great shortcoming, I should not like to see the Boers eat down in the same way. After all, they are white people."

Mr. Villiers gave an interesting account of the Sudan campaign in the Sudan. As showing the perfection to which modern newspaper reporting facilities had been brought, he mentioned that there, in the heart of the desert, it was possible to dispatch 'copy' within six miles of the fighting line. Incidentally the war correspondent instituted some comparisons between the Sudan, Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, and General Sir Redvers Buller, who will be in command of the South African forces.

"General Sir Redvers Buller," said Mr. Villiers, "is, by any name, next to Lord Wolseley, the finest General in the British Army. He is a good tactician and, what is equally important, a good fighting man; and the two qualities rarely go hand in hand. He is absolutely beloved by his troops, and is better liked both by the officers and the rank and file than General Sir Redvers Buller. He impresses everybody with whom he comes into contact with a sense of security, and this is, more than any other, of immense moral value to the Army. No matter in what ugly situation the British soldier in Africa finds himself, there will always recur to him the comforting reflection, 'Oh, Buller will get us out all right.' Then it must be borne in mind that General Sir Redvers Buller has been through many campaigns since the Chinese war in 1890."

"And now, Mr. Villiers, for a concluding query. In this Transvaal trouble, how do you consider that Great Britain has been represented diplomatically?"

"Never better," was the prompt reply. "I consider Sir Alfred Milner's action to have been as perfect as it could possibly have been under the circumstances. Notwithstanding the fact that the present Colonial Secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, permits all his representatives to exercise a free hand (which, by the way, is something which Mr. Gladstone never did), it is by no means easy to conduct negotiations of the kind."

But then, I will admit that there is no doubt that Mr. Chamberlain carefully 'checked' his mouthpiece before he left England, foreseeing contingencies and complications that might arise, and this might have been of considerable assistance to him. But then, considered Mr. Villiers, "you must bear in mind that Sir Alfred Milner's early training stood him in good stead—(with a smile)—he was a journalist in the employ of the *Times*."

DANGERS OF BONES FOR DOGS.

Ingestion of bones by a dog may cause two kinds of danger, says Dr. Hector George, one mechanical and the other chemical. Wolves eat glutinously, says the fabulist. The same remark might often be applied to dogs. When the food is soft the ingestion of bones is of little consequence, but when hard and resisting serious consequences may result. Such is the case reported by Messrs. Guille and Sandrait in the *Revue Veterinaire*.

It was the question of a dog suffering with fever, depression, exaggerated vomiting or diarrhoea. The animal swallowed liquids well enough, but solid food would not pass. The solution of the problem was soon found. One morning the dog was found dead with its head resting on a voluminous clot of blood which had flowed from the mouth. At the autopsy several lesions were found, some primary and one principal, as follows:—In the oesophagus, a little in front of the diaphragm, a large block of bone was found, consisting of two cubic vertebrae irregularly sectioned, the apex of which had made two perforations, one on the lower side, the other on the top part. Opposite the latter was found on the lower wall of the aortic artery a perforation about 3-4 of an inch long, with irregular edges, and with blood, through which the blood had flowed which burst through the mesophagus. The bony edge which emerged from the oesophagus rubbed against the aorta at each movement of deglutition. Thence inflammation, softening, and finally perforation of the side of the blood vessel, followed by hemorrhage rapidly mortal.

Ingested bones may also act fatally in another way. We know that the osseous tissue is very rich in phosphate of lime. This chemical substance passes into the blood and eventually, this is why a child's teeth when given to rachitic children envenom them by consolidating the skeleton, whereas, inversely, human milk given exclusively to pups has caused rickets. But phosphate of lime has another property besides forming and consolidating the skeleton, it stops diarrhoea, and its abuse causes constipation.

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A Laverack setter was attacked by almost complete chronic obstruction of the rectum from a concretion of fecal substances. M. Moray endeavored to cleanse the rectum. This process was insufficient to clear the way for the excrement. It was the same with purgatives combined with massage of the belly. It was decided to perform a surgical operation, and the intestine was opened along an extent of about 6 inches on a level with the osphincter; a very hard plug was removed which weighed 200 grammes (weight 1 lb. 2 oz.). The intestine was then properly stitched and replaced in the abdomen. In spite of this operation having been made according to all the rules of antiseptic treatment, the animal died next day in a state of profound depression. Death was attributed to the operative shock, less of blood, poisoning of the blood by the accumulation of fecal substances, and finally to having called in the man of art too late, for the dog had been sick more than three months. The author thinks that in cases of prolonged stagnation of the fecal substances, pus should not hesitate to operate surgically on the intestine when ordinary means fail. The operation has no gravity when the animal is not exhausted by sickness, and also, as pointed out by these substances, it is not without reason, poe-canties. But according to the advice 'prevention is better than cure,' prudence recommends in such a case to study the functions of the dog's stomach, to maintain them by an intelligent system of hygienic, suitable food, judicious regimen, and not need some therapeutic methods (e.g., laxatives) employed from the outset. To allow the evil to be inveterated by neglect may result in lamentable consequences.

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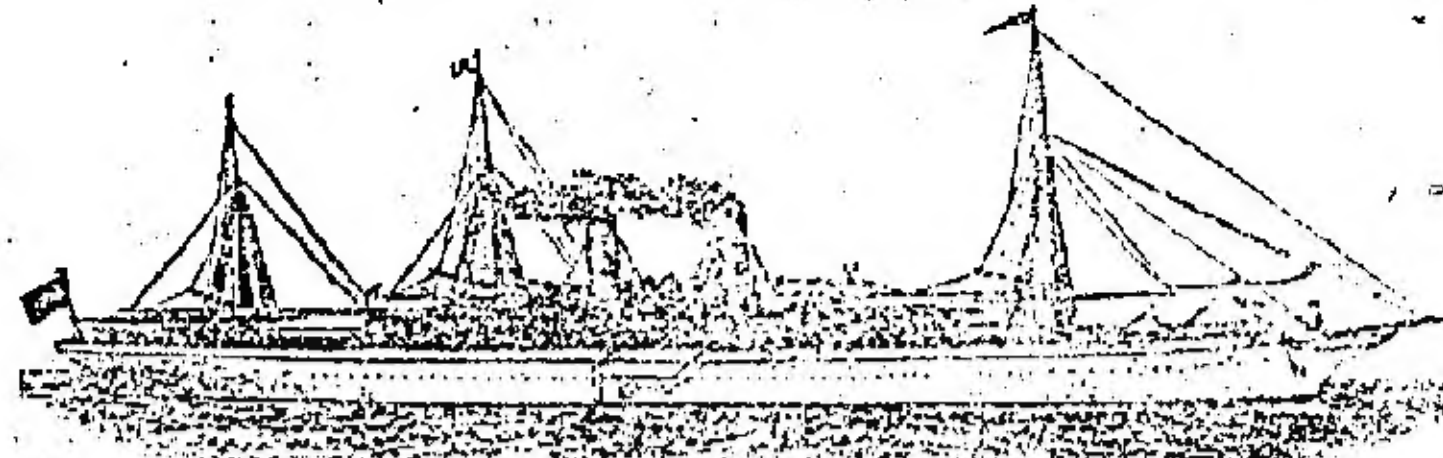
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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Friday, Oct. 20, 1899.

At 1,020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, ... lb. ...

Ame. Sugar cured ... lb. ...

Foehow, ... lb. ...

Japan, cured ... lb. ...

Beef sirloin & prime cut ... lb. ...

Corned, ... lb. ...

Roast, ... lb. ...

Soup, ... lb. ...

Steak, ... lb. ...

Sausages, ... lb. ...

Smoked Tongue, Shanghai, each ...

Bullock's Brains, ... per set ...

Tongue fresh, each ...

Head, ... lb. ...

Heart, ... lb. ...

Hung, Salt, ... lb. ...

Feet, ... each ...

Kidneys, ... lb. ...

Tail, ... lb. ...

Liver, ... lb. ...

Tripe (undressed), ... lb. ...

Clives' Head and Feet, set ...

Hams, American, ... lb. ...

Chinese, ... lb. ...

English, New, ... lb. ...

Japan cured, ... lb. ...

Shanghai, ... lb. ...

Mutton Chop, ... lb. ...

Leg, ... lb. ...

Shoulder, ... lb. ...

Pigs' Chills, ... lb. ...

Feet, ... lb. ...

Pry, ... lb. ...

Head, ... lb. ...

Heart, ... lb. ...

Kidneys, ... lb. ...

Liver, ... lb. ...

Sucking Pigs, To Order catty ...

Suet, Beef, ... lb. ...

Mutton, ... lb. ...

Veal, ... lb. ...

Sausages, ... lb. ...

Poultry.

Chicken, ... catty ...

Cayons, ... catty ...

Ducks, ... catty ...

Doves, ... each ...

Eggs, Hen, ... doz. ...

Duck, ... catty ...

Fowls, Canton, ... catty ...

Hainan, ... catty ...

Geese, ... catty ...

Hares, ... each ...

Musk Deer, ... each ...

Pigeons, ... each ...

Partridges, ... each ...

Pheasant, ... brace ...

Quail, ... each ...

Rice Birds, ... each ...

Spies, ... each ...

Turkeys, Cock, ... catty ...

Hen, ... catty ...

Wild Ducks, ... pair ...

Tul, ... catty ...

Fish.

Barbel, ... catty ...

Bream, ... catty ...

Bomlay Ducks, ... pieces ...

Canton Fresh Water Fish, catty ...

Carp, ... catty ...

Catfish, ... catty ...

Codfish, ... catty ...

Crabs, ... catty ...

Cuttle Fish, ... catty ...

Dab, ... catty ...

Dace, ... catty ...

Dog Fish, ... catty ...

Eels, Congor, ... catty ...

Fresh Water, ... catty ...

Frogs, ... catty ...

Fresh Fish, Large, ... catty ...

Gudgeon, ... catty ...

Flouring, ... catty ...

Llabut, ... catty ...

Labrus, ... catty ...

Loach, ... catty ...

Lobsters, ... catty ...

Mackerel, ... catty ...

Monk Fish, ... catty ...

Mullet, ... catty ...

Oysters, ... catty ...

Parrotfish, ... catty ...

Pomfret, ... catty ...

Prawns, ... catty ...

Ray, ... catty ...

Rock Fish, ... catty ...

Roach, ... catty ...

Salmon, (C'lon), fresh water, ... catty ...

Shark, ... catty ...

Salt Fish, ... catty ...

Skate, ... catty ...

Shrimps, ... catty ...

Snappers, ... catty ...

Intimations